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RE: US SN 09/485,947 Applicant: W. STICHT (36)  
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APPLICANT: W. STICHT (36) EXAMINER: JOHN C. HONG  
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
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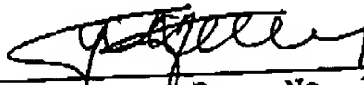
In response to the Office letter of March 7, 2002,  
applicant elects claims 44-81 in Group I for prosecution  
herein. The right to file a divisional application for the  
subject matter of the claims of Group II is reserved.

At this time, applicant also submits a copy of U. S.  
patent No. 4,385,685, which is the counterpart of DE 30 422 05  
A1, cited in corresponding German utility model No. DE 29 824  
557 U.

Examination of the elected claims on their merits is  
respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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